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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: WILLI NEFF ET AL
Serial No.: 10/019,475
Filed: December 31, 2001 International Appl. PCT/EP00/06080
Title: DEVICE FOR PRODUCING EXTREME ULTRAVIOLET AND
SOFT X-RAYS FROM A GAS DISCHARGE

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, for above-referenced patent application, claiming priority of the PCT International Application, and for the granting of the December 31, 2001 filing date.

A PCT National Phase application was filed unexecuted on December 31, 2001, as evidenced by the attached copies of the date-stamped postcard and early serial number card. It is believed that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office misplaced the above-referenced application.

On May 14, 2002, a telephone call was placed to the Office of Initial Examination and the PCT Help Desk requesting status of the above-referenced application in connection with the inevitable Missing Requirements Notice. The

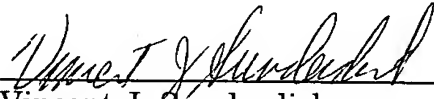
Patent and Trademark Office advised that no records were found for the above-referenced case.

Attached is a copy of the application as filed on December 31, 2001, which includes, PCT/IB/308, an English translation of the International Application, an English translation of the amended sheets (3 pages), five (5) sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-5), an unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney, Preliminary Amendment, Substitute Specification and marked-up copy, International Preliminary Examination Report, Information Disclosure Statement including International Search Report, PTO-1449 form and references cited.

The appropriate PCT filing fees of \$1,020.00 was submitted by check on December 31, 2001. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #127FR/50787). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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